

SENATE No. 486

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Rebecca L. Rausch

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act requiring disclosure of four years of tax returns to appear on a presidential primary ballot.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | |
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| <i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i> | <i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i> | |
| <i>James B. Eldridge</i> | <i>Middlesex and Worcester</i> | <i>3/1/2021</i> |

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By Ms. Rausch, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 486) of Rebecca L. Rausch and James B. Eldridge for legislation to require disclosure of four years of tax returns to appear on a presidential primary ballot. Election Laws.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act requiring disclosure of four years of tax returns to appear on a presidential primary ballot.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Section 28 of chapter 53 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following
2 new paragraph:- The state secretary shall not place on the presidential primary ballot the name of
3 any candidate who has not, at least sixty days in advance of the primary date, made public and
4 readily available the candidate’s federal income tax returns, as defined in section 6103(b)(1) of
5 the United States internal revenue code, for the immediately previous four years. The state
6 secretary may promulgate regulations to implement this paragraph.